

closer examination these weevils were seen to be coming from cavities in the fruits hollowed out by wasps. One such well-eaten apple contained eleven *Apion ervi*, all of which appeared to be feeding on the moist internal tissues of the fruit. I have never previously observed such behaviour in this, or any other, species of *Apion* and wonder whether it had resulted from the premature desiccation of its host plant following the hot summer on 1989. — R. COLIN WELCH, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Monks Wood Experimental Station, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 2LS.

***Eucosmomorpha albersana* (Hübner), (Lep.: Tortricidae) in v.c.60 (West Lancaster)**

I took a male specimen of *E. albersana* at Gait Barrows N.N.R. on 27th May 1987. The species is distinct as an imago but to confirm the identification a genitalia mount was made (Gen No. 6/89 in my collection).

Mr E.F. Hancock of Ulverston who is currently preparing the forthcoming volume on the Tortricidae for MBGBI (Vol. 5) and is compiling the records of the group, tells me that my specimen constitutes a new record for v.c.60. The species is scarce and sporadic in northern England with records, mainly of single specimens, from v.c.68, v.c.62 and v.c.63.

I am grateful to Mr Hancock for information on distribution and to the Nature Conservation Council for granting me permission to visit and collect voucher specimens on the Reserve. — Dr NEVILLE L. BIRKETT, Beardwood, Carter Road, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LL11 7AG.

***Atheta puncticollis* Benick (Col.: Staphylinidae): a postscript**

When writing my recent note on this species (*antea*: 104) I had regrettably forgotten a paper by P.M. Hammond and M.E. Bacchus (1971, *Ent. mon.Mag.* **107**: 153-7) relevant to the matter in hand. On p.156 they record the capture of *A. puncticollis* in some numbers in Inverness-shire by C. Johnson, and also its discovery in England at Sandscale Haws, N. Lancs, by M.E. Bacchus, again in some numbers, in cow dung. — A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

A supplement to the Hymenopterist's handbook (second edition-1986) by Dr Clive Betts. 24 pp. Paper. Amateur Entomologist's Society. (1988). £1.75.

The first edition of the *Hymenopterist's handbook*, published in 1945 contained a comprehensive table of the flight times of Hymenoptera. This table appeared in the revised edition, but was inadequately updated. This omission is rectified with this supplement, essentially a taxonomic list of Hymenoptera appending, in synoptic form, the flight periods and